

# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY



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## CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The highly-touted Concordia Stingers Varsity Hockey team returns to action Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th when they host the Concordia Invitational Micron Holiday Hockey Tournament. On Saturday, the host Stingers will meet the Dalhousie Tigers at 1 p.m., while the Toronto Blues square off against the Guelph Gryphons at 3:30 p.m.

Sunday's action gets underway with the consolation game slated for 4 p.m. and the Championship game at 7:30 p.m.

Since 1976 the Concordia Tournament has featured some of the best collegiate teams and players in North America. Ten players from the first four tournaments have gone on to play in the professional ranks. In addition, Toronto, in 1977 and Alberta, in '78, finished second in the tournament, yet went on to win the Canadian Nationals.

The Stingers are presently in first place in the Quebec University Athletic Association and will be putting a 13-game unbeaten streak on the line. Paul Arsenault's skaters have a 12-3-1 overall record (9-0 league) and will be attempting to capture their fourth consecutive tourney championship.

Concordia is paced by high scoring forwards Bert Difazio (12 goals, 14 assists, 26 points), Yvon Disotel (12-11-23) and defenceman, Michel Blais (5-18-23). Doug McCormick, former N.D.G. star, has been the Stinger's top netminder with a 3.65 goals against average in seven games.

Head Coach, Pierre Page has put together one of the most powerful teams in recent Dalhousie history, including several former Junior A players and two transfers from Division I Universities in the United States. The Tigers downed Concordia 15-3 earlier this season, a score that the Stingers definitely want to reverse.

The Toronto Blues have been the most successful Canadian University team in the last 12 years under coach Tom Watt. The Blues have won nine Canadian Inter-collegiate Athletic Union Championships since 1966. The talented Blues have 10 players who were selected for the two preliminary Canadian Olympic hockey teams.

The Guelph Gryphons presently on top in the Ontario Western Division, are led by defenseman Brad Pirie and forward Hugh Mitchell, Pirie, a former All-Canadian, is a member of the Canadian Olympic team while Mitchell currently leads Ontario West in scoring.